[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

## II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

### (1) TRADE DISPUTE IN SIMPSON GROUP OF INDUSTRIES.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundaram has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows :—

**' That the business of this House be adjourned for discussing an urgent matter of public importance, viz., the failure of the Government to intervene in the trade dispute between the workers and the management of the Simpson Group of Industries which has led to a strike of about 5,000 workers in the City of Madras.'**

He has also given notice of a short notice question and I have admitted it. Let me hear Mr. Kalyanasundaram."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, we are not aware of the steps taken by the Government to settle the dispute. My object in giving notice of an adjournment motion and also a short notice question is only to strengthen the hands of the Government to bring the management to its senses instead of aiding its obstinacy by providing police bandobust. If the Hon. Minister for Labour agrees to answer the short notice question, I am prepared to withdraw the adjournment motion."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I think the hon. Member may be persuaded to withdraw, if I state the actual state of affairs. There was a sudden strike. At the same time, we were enquiring into the situation and we had decided to refer the matter for adjudication. The delay is only due to a large number of issues having to be examined, analysed and put before the adjudicator and also the selection of a suitable officer to serve as an adjudication tribunal. It is only these things that are delaying and the decision to refer the matter for adjudication has already been arrived at. Meanwhile, I hope that the men will go back to work and that there will be peace. I think that instead of helping, it will hinder it if we discuss a matter of this kind on an adjournment motion. Let the adjudication go on, let the men go back to work and let us do our best to achieve this end without too long an interval and too much of a discussion to spoil the atmosphere. I beg of Mr. Kalyanasundaram in this one instance to withdraw the motion and leave us free to carry on. If necessary, he can agitate afterwards."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" In view of the assurance given by the Hon. Chief Minister, I do not press the adjournment motion. But I request you to admit the short notice question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already admitted it."